

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement after the Department of Labor reported this morning that the economy added just 18,000 jobs and unemployment rose to 9.2 percent in June:

“For the millions of Americans still looking for work, the dismal June jobs report is yet another sobering reminder that the big spending, big government agenda failed to grow our economy and create jobs.

“We can’t tax our way to economic prosperity and job growth. We need a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda, so that small businesses can grow and hire new workers. We must reduce the uncertainties that small businesses and job creators face by removing costly regulations, creating a simpler and fairer tax code, and cutting Washington spending.

“The American people are still asking ‘Where are the jobs?’ While House Republicans have a [plan to cut federal spending and grow the economy](#), Senate Democrats have not passed a budget in 800 days. The Senate has failed to consider [nine job-creating bills](#) passed by the House. I hope the June jobs numbers will serve as a wake-up call to urge the President and Senate to join us in creating an environment where the private sector can grow and hire new workers.”

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